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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Julian W. Woo.

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(2) Douglas Portnow.

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Date of Interview: 28 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Videos of one embodiment of the invention in action.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,425,908; 6,165,183; 6,206,907.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Participants discussed a proposed amendment to the claims regarding the lengths of the distal and proximal elements, which appears to overcome the rejection based on the abovementioned prior art. The Examiner will perform an update search of the prior after filing of an amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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